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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6827

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: LA SREF CGEN PDEV PROP

SUBJECT: LPDR CORRUPTION

1. CHINDA SIHACHAK, RANKING OFFICIAL IN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL COMMERCE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, HAS REPORTEDLY ABSCONDED WITH \$35,000 OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE MUCH NEEDED BY LPDR. LAO OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE REPORTED THAT SIHACHAK HAD FLED TO THAILAND. SIHACHAK WAS IN CHARGE OF NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASES OF IMPORTS FROM THAI MERCHANTS. BECAUSE HE FREQUENTLY TRAVELED ACROSS THE BORDER TO DO THIS, SIHACHAK WAS ISSUED LPDR PASSPORT, WHICH IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. AFTER HIS FLIGHT, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMED ALL FOREIGN EMBASSIES JULY 27 THAT CHINDA SIHACHAK'S PASSPORT WAS VOID.

2. COMMENT: THE SIHACHAK CASE IN ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FLIGHT OF LAO OFFICIALS TRUSTED BY LPDR. AFTER

DIRECTOR OF TEACHER TRAINING FLED, A STUDENT TOLD  
EMBASSY OFFICER THAT STUDENTS NO LONGER TRUSTED THEIR  
LEADERS. STUDENTS HAVE SEEN TOO MANY RANKING OFFICIALS  
VOCIFEROUSLY SUPPORT THE NEW REGIME UP UNTIL THE DAY  
THEY FLED TO THAILAND.  
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